

With its Varied Industries, the Peninsula Should Lead the State in the March of Progress. What are You Doing to Help her to Lead?

## PRIMARY AUGUST 5, Candidates Must Pay \$75.

A meeting of the Chairmen of the Democratic Committees of the legislative district composed of the counties of New Kent, Charles City, York, Warwick, James City and the City of Williamsburg, was held Tuesday. Those present were—Charles City, R. B. Davis; York, W. E. Goffigan; Warwick, S. R. Curtis; James City, C. P. Marston; City of Williamsburg, R. L. Spencer; New Kent not represented.

As senior Chairman, W. E. Goffigan called the meeting to order stating the object to be to arrange for the method of naming a candidate for the House of Delegates, the amount of the assessment and the time for notifying the committee of candidacy.

C. P. Marston was elected chair, man, and the roll called by counties showed all represented except New Kent, J. B. Vaiden, its chairman being the absentee.

It was moved by Mr. Spencer, and adopted that the candidate for the House of Delegates be nominated by primary, and the date fixed for August 5, 1909.

Mr. Goffigan moved that Mr. Spencer be selected to receive the notices of candidacy and the assessments of candidates.

On motion of Mr. Curtis, the candidates were assessed \$75. for expenses of primary; any excess to be refunded to the candidates.

On motion of Mr. Spencer the time for notification of candidacy was fixed for Thursday, July 15th, at 12 o'clock M., the committee to meet on that day to receive the names of candidates.

The committee adjourned to meet here July 15th, 1909, at 12 o'clock M., without further notice.

Hon. W. E. Goffigan, who is chairman of the York Democracy, and who has already announced his candidacy, and who has already represented this district one term, will be opposed by Dr. R. B. Davis, of Charles City.

Dr. Davis, who is chairman of his county committee, is a practicing physician. He has never held office before, but says he will make an active canvass. He will speak in every precinct before the day of the primary, and says he is going to warm things up.

Mr. Goffigan is one of the best known men on the Peninsula, and a Democrat tried and true. The opposition to him is solely on account of his age, but his friends say he is "active a plenty."

Just what the contest will develop is problematical, but Dr. Davis says he will try to make it interesting for everybody.

Supt. P. T. Cowles, of Diascund, was in town Tuesday.

### Will Not Leave Williamsburg.

The many friends of Misses Nannie Davis and Laura Stillwell and patrons of the Model School will be gratified to hear that they have withdrawn their resignations and will remain in Williamsburg. Miss Davis will remain principal and Miss Stillwell teacher of the first grade.

### Virginia Making Good Progress.

Washington, June 17—Virginia is making good progress in the movement for the preservation of its forests. A co-operative agreement for a scientific study of the forest conditions of the state has just been entered into by Governor Swanson and the United States Forest Service.

Governor Swanson is much interested in the different forest problems, and enthusiastic in his desire to improve the forest conditions of the state. Last year he appointed a commission of seven members to investigate and consider the needs of the state along forestry lines. In the estimation of the Governor there are specific and technical forestry problems of great importance to be considered in this cooperative study. The mountain forests, already cut over, and the level coastal plains, now in cultivation or in forest growth, present a number of problems for investigation. The great need of Virginia is to bring before the farmers the importance of caring for and maintaining their woodlots. In many places little or no attention is paid to second growth, and consequently no attempt is made to protect it from fire or give it proper treatment. It is common practice to cultivate the land for tobacco a few years, and then when the soil is worn out, allow it to seed up to pine or other tree growth. When the land is rejuvenated, it is often brought under cultivation again. In this way a splendid growth of young pines is often cleared off, when with proper treatment and care for a few years longer the timber would be of considerable commercial value. These woodlots, especially on slopes, are necessary to prevent soil erosion.

In a letter addressed to the Associate Forester, received by the Forest Service, Governor Swanson says: "I am deeply interested in encouraging the preservation of the present forests and the growth of new forests within the state. From observations it seems to me that this state, if properly and scientifically treated, would very rapidly reforest itself, much to the advantage of the entire state and to the profit of the owners of the soil. I am desirous of having a scientific investigation to ascertain the best means of accomplishing this; the best places where new forests should grow; the best means of preserving them, and suggestions as to general scientific treatment. I believe incalculable good could be done in this state if this subject was taken up in a broad and scientific way. I look forward with much gratification to this work, and feel sure the results will be very beneficial to the state."

The study will begin in July, and will be in charge of W. W. Ashe, until recently Forester of the North Carolina Geological Survey. Mr. Ashe is a skilled forester, a resident of Virginia and exceedingly well informed on the forest conditions of the state. Virginia and the Forest Service will share equally the cost of the examination.

Mrs. J. W. Ritchie will spend the summer in Wellsville, Ohio.

Miss Edith Bull expects to leave on the 21st, to visit friends and relatives in Washington, Philadelphia, and other places of interest.

### Sunday School Business Meeting.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Williamsburg Methodist Sunday School held at the church on Wednesday night, June 9, Mr. Charles Donegan was elected secretary of the school, and Mr. R. E. Barlow assistant secretary. There is an encouraging outlook for a good school during the summer.

## A WEEK'S LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

### Things You and Your Neighbors Have been Doing.

[We would appreciate it if you will call phone 24 and give us any personal or social news you may know. Or write it out and we will send for it. In this way you will help make The Gazette more interesting.]

Mr. and Mrs. A. Brooks and son, Julian, spent Monday and Tuesday in Richmond.

Dr. W. A. Montgomery and Mr. Hugh Bird spent last Sunday in Washington, D. C.

Specer Bros. will sell a lot of useful goods at public auction at Toano next Saturday afternoon.

Paris green in the following size packages 1-4 lb, 1-2 lb, 1 lb, 2 lb, and 5 lb. at Stone's Drugstore.

Mr. Hugh Mercer, of Richmond, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. L. Mercer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Topping, of Hampton, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Topping's parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. W. Maynard, at Biglers.

C. A. Withrow has completed a granolithic walk in front of R. L. Spencer's new residence and a wall opposite Mrs. Twitchell's property.

On Sunday, June 20, the regular service at Magruder, York River Presbyterian church, will be at 3:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30. Preaching by Rev. R. L. Walton, pastor.

### Providence Forge.

Providence Forge, Va., June 14—Col. E. B. Townsend has purchased the excursion grounds from the Southern Pine Timber Co., and has sold it to a club of twenty. They will convert them into a fine resort with a club building, and pleasures of all kinds. They have also the beautiful body of water known as "Townsend's Lake."

Mrs. Christian has as her guests Miss Cunningham, of Richmond; Mrs. Grace Turner and son, Christian, and Miss Waddell, of Charles City.

Mr. Earnest Pundum, of the University of Virginia, is home with his parents for the vacation. Mr. Pundum is studying medicine.

J. H. Christian and J. B. Richardson left this morning for Norfolk to serve as jurors in United States court.

W. F. Gilliam and Mr. Mottler, of Charles City, will attend the Johnson sale in Williamsburg today.

Mr. Fred Bock's little daughter, Elizabeth, is quite sick.

Col. E. B. Townsend and wife and Miss Darwin left this morning for Washington. Col. Townsend is in very bad health and returned to see his family physician.

Mr. Geo. Binns was a visitor to Walkers Sunday. These visits are getting to be quite frequent.

Mrs. J. B. Richardson was on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Edwards, last week.

Mrs. Mottler and Miss Nance, of Charles City; Mrs. Christian and daughters, Misses Sallie and Mary, and Miss Maggie Waddell were visitors of Mrs. W. F. Gilliam Thursday.

Mr. Willie Soux was the guest of Miss Lucy Binns Sunday.

Mr. Geo. Boyer left for his home in Pottsville, Pa., yesterday afternoon.

"G's" letters are newsy and interesting and always "on time." Many thanks.—Ed.]

The Gazette returns thanks to Mr. O. P. Flatten, of Norge, for the present of some very fine Irish potatoes.

Dr. J. S. Wilson, of William and Mary, and Messrs. Etheridge and Dold, left today from Baltimore for Italy. They will spend the summer abroad.

The Williamsburg Knitting Mill Co. made a second shipment of three car-loads of underwear to Spokane, Wash., last week. The freight on this shipment was \$1,200, a good thing for the railroads.

Special morning service at the Presbyterian church on next Sunday morning, June 20, at 11 o'clock, when the celebration of the Lord's supper will be observed. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Walton.

The practice and observation students of William and Mary College at the close of the session presented Miss Nannie Davis a handsome loving cup as a testimonial of their high regard for her as a friend and teacher.

Dr. Charles Conrad, who resigned as first assistant at the hospital here took his departure Monday. His successor, who was elected by the board last week, is Dr. Rea Parker, of Petersburg. Dr. Parker was at one time druggist at the E. S. Hospital.

### Electoral Board Meets.

The James City electoral board met at the courthouse Monday, and re-elected officers as follows: Mr. A. G. Harwood, chairman, and Capt. J. W. Minor, secretary. Those present were Capt. Minor and Mr. R. B. Geddy. The following election officers were chosen:

Registrars—Stonehouse, W. P. Wright; Jamestown No. 1, Curtis Lee; No. 2, J. R. Bellamy; Powhatan, J. M. Richardson.

Commissioners of election—A. D. West, H. N. Bucktrout, O. H. Jones and E. S. Meanley.

Jamestown No. 1.—Judges, T. H. Stryker, T. M. Curtis and A. D. West. Clerks—W. B. Wynne, R. J. Wynne.

Jamestown No. 2.—Judges, H. N. Bucktrout, W. R. Thomas, H. C. Wilson. Clerks, J. B. Vaiden, R. H. Gilliam.

Powhatan—Judges, E. S. Meanley, A. W. Martin, J. C. Dunham. Clerks, Vernon Piggott, C. B. Martin.

Stonehouse—Judges, O. H. Jones, M. O. Elton, J. T. Farthing. Clerks, J. K. R. Taylor, G. G. Hankins.

### Where to Worship Sunday.

BAPTIST.  
Rev. G. S. Kennard.  
Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.

EPISCOPAL.  
Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin.  
Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 5 P. M. Men's Services in the Parish House at 7:30 P. M.

METHODIST.  
Rev. E. K. Odell.  
Services every Sunday at 11:15 A. M. and 8 P. M. Epworth League at 7 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Wednesday night's prayer meeting at 8 P. M.

PRESBYTERIAN.  
Rev. R. L. Walton, Pastor.  
Services every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

LUTHERAN.  
Rev. Edward Brekus, Pastor.  
Services every second Sunday at 3 p. m. in Bruton Parish church.

### A Visit to Williamsburg.

Mr. Carter M. Louthan, of Charlottesville, recently paid a visit to his son, Prof. Henry T. Louthan, of William and Mary College. After returning home, he wrote interestingly for the Greene County Register, of which the following is an extract:

"It is well occasionally in pursuit of the honors, emoluments, and other vain shadows of this ephemeral life to take a few days off in efforts to experience more solid pleasures."

"To this end, on the 8th of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine we left the classic banks of the Rivanna for the classic shades of Williamsburg—the seat of William and Mary College next to Harvard the oldest institution of learning in America. Having been educated at Manassas, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg more in the art of war than in the arts of peace, we fear that the few days spent at Williamsburg were not sufficient to qualify us to occupy a chair in the school of either Latin or Greek in the College of William and Mary.

"In justice to ourselves, however, we will state that we, while at Williamsburg advanced beyond the position said to have been attained by the late Hon. Senator Morgan, of Alabama. He was heard to state that the nearest approach he made to the higher learning was when at Williamsburg during the war, he got behind William and Mary College while the Yankees were shooting at him. We advanced a step beyond the gallant General and actually got inside, but in justice to the ceaseless vigilance of Hon. Lyon G. Tyler, the present head of William and Mary, we feel compelled to state that he had gone to Charles City county, otherwise we may not have been permitted to invade the classic precincts. Subsequently, however, we had the pleasure to meet the president of William and Mary, and from his unaffected grace and distinguished ease of manner we have partly come to the conclusion that he would not only have given us a pass through the halls of learning, but, in all probability, would have assembled the faculty and student-body to greet us.

"It has never been our pleasure to visit a city with which we were more pleased than Williamsburg. To say nothing about what to us was the chief attraction in the person of my son, his wife and the little "olive branches," we found in Williamsburg what we conceived to be a cluster of ideal homes. We are not versed in the language of flowers, but their beauty and fragrance were scattered with prodigal hand everywhere. Every home nestled in a miniature setting that rivaled the beauty of the surrounding of Rasselas in the Happy Valley. "Far from the madding crowds ignoble strife," Williamsburg is an ideal college city.

"What shall we say of William and Mary College? What can be said that does not stand out not only in flower, but in full bloom among the noblest institutions of learning in the world?

"Let Harvard honor herself by bowing to William and Mary. Let the University of Virginia that sprang from the brain of Jefferson acknowledge her paternity and the classic Alderman joining hands with the scholarly Tyler, bow with more than eastern devotion at the shrine of William and Mary.

"What we have written is not designed to refer entirely to the past in the history of William and Mary. An institution founded amidst the struggles for colonial existence and has lived through the war of revolution and of civil strife was not born to die."

## JUNE TERM OF COURT. Convenes With a Big Crowd.

The June term of the Circuit Court, Judge D. G. Tyler presiding, convened here Monday morning with an unusually large crowd, considering the fact that this is the farmer's busy season. We noted the following among those in attendance: Messrs. R. B. Geddy, R. B. Slater, C. B. Martin, J. T. Farthing, J. E. Farthing, "Doc." Farinholt, Rouland, Capt. John W. Minor, of James City; L. F. Barnes, of Richmond.

A special grand jury returned an indictment against Junius Smith for the murder last winter of Henry Epps. Smith was previously indicted and tried at the last term of court, but the verdict was set aside by Judge Tyler on account of the indictment being defective.

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### Alumni Association Officers.

The William and Mary Alumni Association last week elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, W. C. L. Tallaferrro; vice-presidents, J. S. Wilson, H. L. Bridges and A. D. Wright; secretary and treasurer, H. D. Cole; executive committee, J. L. Hall, Jr., Geo. A. Hankins and H. S. Bird.

A motion prevailed inviting the graduating class to attend the banquet.

Major J. N. Stubbs gave notice that he would offer an amendment to the constitution at the next meeting so as to require no initiation fee. It was decided to hold an alumni banquet during the educational conference.

The association also advised the organization of associations in the various cities and counties where there are a sufficient number of alumni to permit of it.

A board of editors composed of H. L. Bridges, J. S. Wilson, A. D. Wright, Jackson Davis and J. A. C. Chandler was appointed to publish an Alumni Catalogue and to solicit financial aid for that purpose.

The college authorities were requested to devote one issue of the college bulletin to the association and to mail each member a copy.

### Episcopalians Pass Resolutions.

Newport, Ky., June 11—The Episcopal diocesan council of Lexington, Ky., in conference here, adopted the following remarkable resolution dealing with present economic conditions:

"Whereas, we, the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Lexington, State of Kentucky, being a branch of God's church and assembled in council, feel deep concern over conditions created and being perpetuated by alarming, if not revolutionary, legislation, whereby the necessities of the lives of the needy are disproportionately taxed; and

"Whereas, such legislation is fast destroying men's reverence for law, and so tending to anarchy; therefore, we, members of the council aforesaid, conscious of the trust of righteousness committed by the tribune God, do plead with all constructing and controlling forces of our land—senatorial, congressional, legislative and executive—to give us laws right in the sight of God, just and true to all the people, and we call upon every Christian organization in the land to join us in this purpose and pleading."